

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 were previously pending. Claims 1-7, 9-10, and 12-13 have been canceled by way of this amendment and claims 8, 11, 14, and 16 have been amended. Thus, claims 8, 11, and 14-16 are pending with claims 8, 11, 14, and 16 being independent.

Office Action

In the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12 and 13, objected to claims 8, 11, 14, and 15, and allowed claim 16. Claims 8, 11, and 14 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the features of their respective base claims, as required by the Examiner. Claim 15 depends from allowable claim 14. Thus, claims 8, 11, and 14-15 are now in allowable condition.

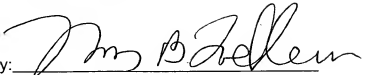
Claim 16 has been amended to correct an informality recognized by the Examiner in the November 3, 2004, Office Action regarding claim 6. Specifically, the Examiner rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for defining a "slide" being adapted to force the vial into a position parallel to slide when in fact the "flap" applies pressure to the vial to force in vial into a parallel position. Allowed claim 16 included similar language regarding the slide and has been amended to conform to the description presented in the specification at page 12, lines 13-16. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 16 remains allowable.

In view of this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which might be due in connection with this application should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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